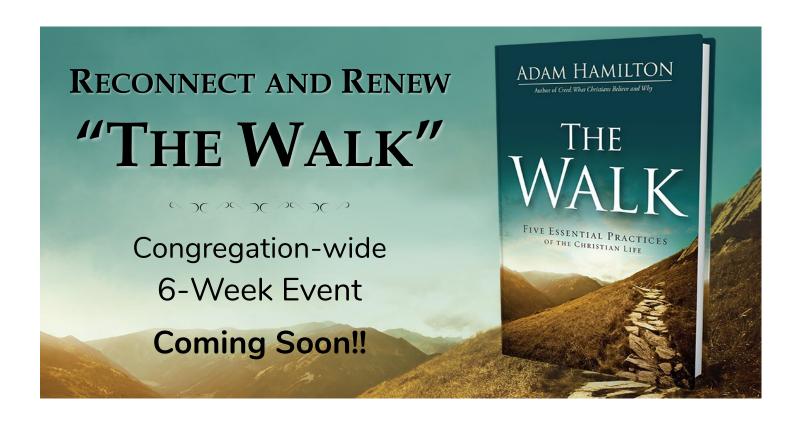


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Pastor Ponders

by Pastor Brian Halverson

Reconnect -- Renew

This is the theme for our upcoming programmatic year at St. John's. After a year and a half of shut-downs and re-openings, as people slowly are returning to work and activities, we are at a place in which we feel the need to reconnect again and be renewed in the Spirit. Although we still being challenged by COVID, and the way forward can still change depending on many factors in this pandemic, we are planning for a great year, a year of reconnection and renewal!

We have many exciting ministries, programs, and events to offer you beginning in September. I would like to highlight two of them.

Our Rally Day on Sunday, September 12, will kick-off the year with a new worship experience. Our family interactive service, featuring Kenn Anderson and the band, will also have children's sermons, opportunities for families to read lessons, play instruments, and other ways in which young people will be involved with the service. This new service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and end at 11:15 a.m. We hope that this new format and time will invite more people, families, and young people into a very meaningful worship experience.

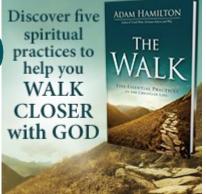
Starting in October, Pastor Frank and a team of dedicated people will offer a six-week congregation wide study through our small group ministries. The text we will be reading and discussing will be Adam Hamilton's book, <u>The Walk</u>. Similar to the study that Pastor Frank led while he was the interim here, this will be an opportunity for all of us to reconnect and perhaps have the opportunity to meet and get to know new people. More information about this opportunity will be forthcoming.

Guided by Holy Spirit and strengthened in God's Word, we are blessed to gather and reconnect with one another and to our communities around us. God's faith in us never wavers. In our baptisms God renews us every day.

Let us give thanks to God for all things and for St. John's Lutheran Church!







What's New?

Live Streaming Begins

August 8 will be the last week we pre-recorded worship for our online congregation. Why?
Because we will begin to LIVE STREAM our 8:30 worship on August 15!

See page 8 for more information.

Trading Table

Do you need to exchange something with someone else at St. John's? You can use the new St. John's TRADING TABLE outside of the nursery. Letters may be put alphabetically in the boxes of envelopes. Pens and sticky notes are available on the table to label larger items. The larger items may be placed on (or under) the table.





August 20
Friday Family Fun Night
August 29

Backpack blessing

Worship and Music

Music Notes

Dear People of St. John's,

We've missed you! We've missed you singing and praying and being together! We know it's been challenging, and we thank you for helping us get through this time!

The pipe organ enjoyed a muchneeded cleaning and revoicing last spring. If you haven't had a chance to hear it yet, please join us any Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. In August we will enjoy a "hymn sing" every Sunday 10 minutes prior to worship. Come early and sing your favorites from the red ELW hymnal. Suggestions can be placed in the narthex box or emailed to Becky Whelpley at bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org. St. John's Music Ministry will be back with our programming beginning in September and October. Please come and praise the Lord through music with us!

The Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. High school - adult welcome, please contact Becky Whelpley if you are considering joining.

Play an instrument? Let us know! We have groups that provide special music throughout the year.

Handbells rehearse on Tuesdays. They start rehearsals on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. KOTK, our children's choir, will begin in October on Wednesday evenings.

THANK YOU to the wonderful response to purchasing the new hymnal supplement "All Creation Sings"! Plans are in the works to introduce songs from the supplement in September. If you would still like to donate, please contact Becky Whelpley.

God's Peace, Becky Whelpley Director of Music/Organist

Questions about music at St. John's?

Contact Becky!

bwhelpley@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Handbell Choir

The handbell choir is excited to be planning for our 2021/2022 music and worship season. I am beginning to think about new music to both challenge and delight musicians and those who listen.

The handbell choir is looking for additional musicians. Do you read music? Do you like to laugh and be part of a close-knit team? If so, please contact me. I will be happy to meet with you ahead of our first rehearsal to share basic skills and answer your questions.

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Heidi Bischmann 414-305-7812

Kids of the Kingdom

We are excited to be back in person this fall!! Kids of the Kingdom, our children's choir, will begin rehearsals in October and we need you!

Do you know any kids, ages 5-12, who love to sing? Invite them to join Kids of the Kingdom, where they will prepare music to present in worship once a month. KOTK spends time in rehearsal learning to sing and play musical instruments, creating dramatic presentations, and just having fun together.

Rehearsal is every Wednesday, October to May, from 5:15-6:00, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

New friends are welcome to join at any time!

There is no cost to participate in KOTK. We just ask that families assist with meals on rehearsal evenings.



Children, Youth & Families

Meet the Teachers of St. John's Preschool

As we get ready for a new school year of Learning and Growing in Preschool on September 1, let's meet the teachers!

And whoever welcomes a child like this in my name, welcomes me.

Matthew 18:5

Lana DeCoto
is a team
teacher in
our Two and
Three Year
Old
classrooms
as well as
spending
Lunch Bunch
time with our



Four Year Olds. That's a very full week of teaching. Lana, proudly from Watertown, WI, is a long-time Waukesha resident who has spent her career in Early Childhood Education. Lana joined St. John's Preschool in February 2014. Even during summer vacation, Lana works part time at a New Berlin church bringing her preschool teaching to a childcare setting. Teaching the youngest children is where her heart lies.

Mary Wagner team teaches with Lana with our Two and Three Year Olds, so you'll find her here at St. John's five mornings a week. And



as a longtime member of St. John's with her family, you'll see her on Sundays as well worshipping, being a Worship Assistant and a member of our Handbell Choir. Mary has been a Preschool teacher at St. John's for 18 years, when, in 2004, she went from a St. John's Preschool parent to teacher. You'll often see Mary sitting on the floor teaching or playing ball outside with them, matching their energy in

whatever they're doing together.



Questions About Preschool?

Contact Laura: 262-786-4298 or

262-786-4298 or Irickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Jan Simon is our Four Year Old class teacher. She joined St. John's Preschool in 2014, having just finished teaching at one of Waukesha's last Grey Mare Preschool centers. When one of our teachers retired, Jan was the perfect fit for our Four Year Old

class having spent many years teaching "the big kids." Along with the skills her preschoolers learn each day, Jan brings her dedication to



conservation to her classroom. She has hands-on science, everyday recycling and meeting people and animals of the world. Jan says her Four Year Olds understand that they can make a difference taking care of the Earth.

Laura Rickinger is the Director of St. John's Preschool. Laura joined St. John's in 1983 with her

family and feels blessed to have found many ministries to be involved in over the years. When the opportunity to work with the Preschool ministry came in 2012, Laura accepted the position knowing



the preschool has a reputation in the community as a quality preschool with a dedicated teaching staff. Building on a firm foundation of Early Childhood

Education, Laura works with the teachers to learn and grow along with the preschoolers to continue to provide the best preschool experience for our 21st century children.

Children, Youth & Families

Backpack Blessing

Whether starting your 1st year of school or your 22nd, join us on August 29 at both services for a Backpack Blessing and start the year re-assured that God, and St. John's, is walking with you.

August 29, 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. worships

Bring your backpack, device, diaper bag, computer bag or any bag you'd like!



Sunday School Volunteer

Have a love to share with the children of St. John's? Consider sharing your time and gifts with our students on Sunday Mornings as part of our Large Group Sunday School team or a Small Group leader! Please reach out to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org to discuss possibilities!

Contact Joanna with Toddler to 8th Grade Questions

Joanna is available by email at <u>isalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org</u> or by call or text at 262-278-8021.

Joanna sends out weekly Children, Youth and Family emails. If you are not receiving those emails and would like to, let Joanna know!



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation in the Fall

Confirmation will be continuing on Sunday evenings this fall!

Due to overwhelming parental feedback, Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders will continue with twice monthly, Sunday evening gatherings in the fall. We are currently planning on meeting from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in person at St. Johns. Pastor Brian and Joanna will be in touch soon with details!

Sunday School Rally Day

Save the date for

September 12, 2021

for Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School!

At St. John's Sunday School begins at age 2. Registration information will be coming soon.





Puppet Ministry Kickoff Rescheduled

Do you love to talk with your hands? Want to have a tremendous amount of fun?

Join us on August 8 for a kickoff gathering. We will pull out the puppets, explore their personalities, and brainstorm ways to incorporate them into both Children's Ministry and Family Worship.

> August 8, 2021 11:00am-12:00pm



Children, Youth & Families



In August, the high school youth and college aged young adults will have the opportunity to gather twice a month as a large group! We will gather once to complete a service project and again to grow in our relationships with one another and strengthen our faith.

Service Project:

Hope Center Clothes Closet August 10 and/or August 12 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADAA2DA0F85-youth1

Friday Family Fun Night:

Friday, August 20 6:30 p.m.



Youth Gathering

Financial Assistance Applications open until all funds are disbursed

Assistance is offered based on the financial need of youth participants and their families. Up to \$300 per youth participant may be provided to cover registration fees.

If you are interested in attending and would like to apply for the financial assistance, please contact Stephanie.



We are looking for mentors for this years 9th grade students!!

If you are interested, it would include the following:

- Weekend retreat to Lutherdale 10/15 – 10/17
- Monthly gatherings with all confirmands and mentors on the 3rd Thursday of the month from November – April
- Confirmation service the 1st Sunday of May
- Helping to support your mentee on their faith journey as well as in every day life

It is suggested but not a must to meet other times through out the month to build that relationship with your mentee.

Contact Stephanie if you would be interested or have any questions.

Contact Stephanie with questions about high school and young adult ministry at St. John's



sbroussard@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Car Wash July 18

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help with the car wash, and to those of you who got your cars washed and/or donated to the Youth Program!!







Troop 16

Long Lake Summer Camp

Six scouts in our troop participated in the Long Lake week-long summer camp. Every scout in total earned 16 Merit Badges. All Scouts and leaders earned the religious Duty to God Award. David McMahon participated in all areas of camp and was the only scout to earn the Passport to Adventure award. During summer camp, our troop placed 10th in the Camp Wide Relay, 8th in Aquafest, & 2nd in camp inspection.

Meals have returned to the Dining Hall apart from Wednesday when Scouts cooked. Mr. Henderson crafted his "World Famous" cobblers as a treat to celebrate his birthday and the troop invited another troop over to share six cobblers. The opening and closing campfires had a large bonfire with troops sharing laughs with skits and songs. Our troop earned the Baden-Powell (founder of scouting) award for doing camp service, campsite improvements, good inspections and inviting another troop over for a campfire.

Pizza Party Earned

The troop threw a pizza party meeting since the Baden-Powel award was earned during Long Lake Summer Camp. Badges earned by the scouts were distributed during the meeting and a game of one-base kickball was played thereafter.

Josh Balzer Eagle Ceremony

The troop pulled together Josh Balzer's Eagle Ceremony. Our troop participated in a scout ideals candle lighting ceremony. Our guest speaker of the ceremony was Joe McGrath. Troop Chairman, Larry Long presented the badge to Josh Balzer and Josh's Mother pinned the official badge.

High Adventure Shooting Sports

Two scouts attended the week long High Adventure Shooting Sports Camp (HASSC) at Long Lake Summer Camp. The two boys got the opportunity to shoot rifles, shotguns, black powder pistols and black powder muzzleloader shotguns, and shot arrows during archery.

by Troop Historian, Jacob Nienhaus

Camp Long Lake Anniversary

Camp Long Lake celebrated the camp's 75th anniversary with an open house including tours, supper, and a campfire.



First Aid Kit Quartermaster

Donald McCarty's troop position is the First Aid Kit Quartermaster.

He periodically checks the four church first aid kits for completeness.

Yearly Participation Honors

- 1 Nolan Nelson
- 2 Jacob Nienhaus
- 3 Matt Watson
- 4 Zac Watson
- 5 Jon McMahon
- 6 Will McCoy

August Birthdays

- 1 Josh Werner
- 1 Emelia Zaeske
- 2 Sonja Beyerlein
- 2 Gene Kaiser
- 3 Debbie Hipke-Fuller
- 3 Phyllis Reichert
- 5 Jason Ayer
- 5 Ryan Wagner
- 5 Karie Zach
- 7 Linda Elfers
- 7 Judy Klawitter
- 7 Lee Turner

- 7 Steven Wimmer
- 9 Sheena Gatzke
- 9 Cordelia Reinfeldt
- 9 Levi Wiesner
- 10 Adelyn Lange
- 11 Isabella DuChateau
- 11 Nathan Gaska
- 11 Sandra Landgren
- 11 Olivia Slater
- 12 Lori Schettler
- 12 Kevin Slater
- 13 Denny Bigsby

- 13 Dale Granlund
- 14 Alyssa Vetta
- 15 Carol Elder
- 15 Addisyn Kaiser
- 17 John Nugent
- 17 Norma Poulsen
- 17 Karen Wilson
- 18 Rhonda Bohne
- 18 David Stephens
- 18 Kevin Wolfmeyer
- 21 Emily Krusche-Bruck
- 22 Jason Gillette

- 22 Weston Grabowski22 Bill Reed
- 26 Dan Blask
- 26 Ella Salinas
- 27 Rich Warp
- 28 Sue Murack
- 28 Paul Whitaker
- 30 Cathy Whitaker
- 31 Sophia Ayer
- 31 Carol Hein
- 31 Thomas Kallin
- 31 Barb Lange

Outreach

August Focus: Care Kits for Hope Center

Hope Center Mission Statement: Reducing the risk of poverty by helping the people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration.

We are collecting the following personal and/or regular size items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, bars of soap, deodorant, shaving cream, body lotion, shampoo, body wash, or conditioner.

Thank you for your generosity. These items go a long way in providing assistance to Hope Center Clients.

Live Streaming Begins August 15

When the pandemic shut down the world, we began to pre-record worship. That video was offered as an alternative to worshipping together physically. We missed worshipping together, in person, and appreciate being able to gather together again. However, you might be traveling. You might not be ready to be around others. You may not feel well. Whatever the reason, you are not always able to be at church on a Sunday morning.

So, beginning August 15, instead of pre-recorded worship and we will LIVE STREAM the 8:30 a.m. worship. You will be able to worship with us from wherever you may be! You will be able to find us on YouTube and on Facebook.

The first weeks (or months) may not be flawless, but we are anxious to share the Good News with others through our worship.

To watch on YouTube: Youtube.com/StJohnsWI

To watch on Facebook, without a Facebook account: Facebook.com/MakeDisciplesSJL

St. John's Holiday Bazaar and Hope

The St. John's Holiday Bazaar has raised over \$275,000 over the past 37 years. This money has brought Hope to countless people. Funds have provided scholarships to students of Los Héroes in El Salvador, supplies to Akeri Parish in Tanzania, support



for the poor and homeless through the Hope Center, Bibles for the youth of St John's, funding for the Beloved Sisters retreat with women from All Peoples, support for the Waukesha Women's Center, healthcare

for the poor in Waukesha, Christmas food boxes and so much more. There are so many ways to be involved with this "Hopeful" ministry! We need your creative and culinary contributions as well as your time on

November 6. We need your help more than ever this year!

We will be offering a streamlined version of the Bazaar this year and of course we will follow all the suggested guidelines at the level that St. John's Lutheran Church requires at that time.

Although the format will be different this year, we are excited to RECONNECT with our volunteers and the community by offering this treasured St. John's Outreach Ministry event again.

Some areas of the Holiday Bazaar will be different.

- The Coffee Cafe is replacing the Taste Table this year. This is where our guests and our volunteer workers can relax with a cup of coffee, rest a bit and reconnect with friends.
- The Cookie Walk will be Christmas Cookies by the Box. The same great assorted specialty cookies prepackaged in boxes.
- The various components of the Bazaar will be spread out throughout the church with guides to help our guests.

We've missed you all and we know you've missed us, too! Let's reconnect this fall with this ministry that benefits everyone involved.

Council Communications

Fellow Disciples,

I pray this news finds you healthy and well. Following are highlights from the July 12 Council meeting.

President Report

- Have you heard? There is one more Family Fun night of the summer season on Friday, August 20 and will focus on water games. All ages welcome.
- St. John's is looking to hire a
 Financial Administrator and
 Office Administrator. If you or anyone you know feels called to serve, please reach out the
 St. John's office for more details.
- Progress with GROTH Design Group has continued throughout the summer. Thank you to the group for all your diligent work. We hope to share potential internal and external design enhancements in the upcoming months.

Financial Report

- Thank you for your faithful giving. St. John's remains in a strong financial position allowing us to invest in and carry out the ministry goals sets for 2021!
- With more than 45 days cash on hand, Council approved
 \$4,931.42 be moved into the Capitol Improvement fund.

Transition team

- We continue to monitor and review local health data and CDC guidelines, especially the Delta variant.
- The Transition Team is scheduled to meet in August, to examine the recent rise in the Delta COVID variant and how that may affect St. John's this fall and winter.

Please reach out to me or the council members with any questions you may have.

Praying for peace and good health to all,

Brian Zach, President

St. John's Council

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Summer Softball



Did you know St. John's has a men's softball team?

They play in a church league on Monday nights in the summer at Wirth Park. The remaining schedule is below. Looking for a fun outing on a Monday night? Come to Wirth Park and cheer for our team!

August 2 7:00 p.m.

August 9 6:00 p.m.

See you at the ballpark! Fun for kids of all ages!

Summer Giving

We know many of you travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you'll miss church services this summer, consider setting up recurring giving.

It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit www.makedisciples.com to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our community and various ministries!

Facility Use

To request space for your small group or ministry to meet in the church building, please complete the Facility Use Form on the website. It is under the Resources tab - <u>Documents and Forms</u>. Contact <u>Dan Thompson</u>, Building Supervisor, with questions.

About Us

Welcome Statement

At St. John's we align with Paul's words in Romans 15:7 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." We welcome one another all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, age or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to physical or mental health, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in our commitment to the ways, grace and love of Christ.

Core Values of St. John's:

- · Serving our world, locally and globally;
- · Inspiring worship and music that honor God;
- Nurturing relationships with one another as Jesus walks with us;
- Growing in God's grace through education and discipleship;
- Engaging children and youth in the life of the church.

Praying for Our Church Family

We pray for those who are battling illness:

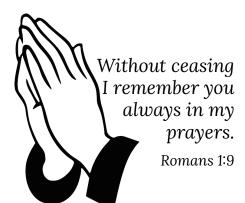
Barb K Dorothy E Floyd K Mary S John G Ken B Steve W Tim M Connie P Sharlene W Kim S Hope H John S Jim T Dennis W Katie A

Cindy H Kathy K Brian C

Gregg and Joy M's Grandson Cole Sharon Mahoney's Friend Betty Bonnie S's sister Jeanne and BIL

To help us to stay connected, we will be sharing the list with you monthly. Prayers may be for thanksgiving, hope and/or healing. The requests may be immediate, short or long term.

Prayer requests may be submitted at the bottom of the website www.makedisciples.com.



Contact Us

Office Hours

The St. John's phone is answered 9:00-Noon, Monday to Thursday.

Church

phone/fax: 262-786-6887 email: to email a staff member, please click on the link by their photo on the website under Staff

Preschool

phone: 262-786-4298

Irickinger@stjohnsbrookfield.org

Email vs. Website

Staff emails have changed for Pastor Brian, Pam, Dan, Joanna, Stephanie, Laura, and Becky. If you are unsure of the current email for a staff member, please use the links provided on the website by the staff pictures.

The new emails (except Pastor) follow this format:

First initial, last name, @, stjohnsbrookfield.org

Pastor's email is: pastorbrian@stjohnsbrookfield.org

The general email for the office, until an Office Manager is hired, is admin@stjohnsbrookfield.org.

You will notice the domain name change from makedisciples.com to stjohnsbrookfield.org for emails.



However, our **website address** remains www.makedisciples.com.

Calendar of events for August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Online worship 8:30a indoor worship 10:00a outdoor worship 6:00p Al-Anon	2 9:30a yoga 11:30a Hope Center meal 6:00p Al-Anon 7:00p softball at Wirth Park	3 8:30a property team 10:00a staff mtg 6:00p quilters	4 8:00a Retired Men's bfast 5:30p AA 6:00p TOPS	5 3:00p Finance Team mtg 6:00p Faith Alive 6:00p Al-Anon	6 6:15a virtual men's group 10:00a Tai Chi	7
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July Friday Family Fun Night was a Blast!

